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SUBJECT: STATUS OF DEFENSE ATTACHE

1. WHILE WE CONTINUE TO HEAR REPORTS THAT THE POSITION OF THE DEFENSE ATTACHE HERE HAS BEEN DOWNGRADED FROM BRIGADIER GENERAL TO COLONEL, WE'VE RECEIVED NO CONFIRMATION. IF, INDEED THERE HAS BEEN A DECISION TO THIS EFFECT, WE WILL KEEP IN MIND THAT IT WILL BE TAKEN AS AN AFFRONT BY THE MEXICAN MILITARY. (NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING I RECOGNIZE THAT A GOOD COLONEL IS A MUCH GREATER ASSET THAN A GENERAL NOT PREPARED OR MOTIVATED FOR THE JOB.)

2. IF THIS DECISION IS FINAL THEN WE NEED PERMISSION TO BROACH THIS WITH THE MEXICAN MILITARY SO THAT IT WILL NOT BE A SUDDEN BLOW. WE WOULD DO THIS THROUGH THE DATT TO THE MEXICANS INFORMALLY ENABLING US PERHAPS TO SOFTEN THE BLOW AND TO BETTER ASSESS THEIR REACTION.
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